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1. In the summer of 1954,

controls on the issuance of passports for travel between the Satellite countries had recently been considerably relaxed. In 1954 the Ministry found it much easier to obtain passports for inter-Satellite travel than in 1953 or before. In the summer of 1954, also, border-crossing cards of some duration were now issued quite freely to residents of Komarno desiring to visit the Hungarian border region just across the Danube. In the past, such cards were almost impossible to obtain; in 1954, they were issued within two months after an application was made.

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2. success in obtaining a passport for travel to East Berlin indicated that there had been a liberalization of passport regulations.

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3. Despite this possible "new course" in the passport field, the general bureaucratization of life in Czechoslovakia guaranteed that the obtaining of authorization for official travel still took many months and there were still many controls on travel.

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